

An Extract of the Journal of the Society at Dublin; giving an account of a Periodicall Evacuation of Blood at the end of one of the Fingers.

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A Letter was read from Mr. *Asb*, in answer to a *Query* sent down by the *Society* to him concerning a man who had a constant and periodical, *Evacuation of Blood* at the end of his fore-Finger; from which Letter the following return is abstracted.

Walter Walsh, an Inn-keeper in *Trym*, born in *Ireland*, of a temperate Diet, Sanguin Complexion, and pleasant Humor, in the 43d year of his Age, anno 1658, about Easter, was seiz'd with a great pain over all his right Arm; a great heat, and redness in his right hand; and a pricking in the point of the fore-Finger; whereon there appear'd a small speck, as if a little Thorn had run in; and supposing it such he opened it, whereupon the *Blood* spun out in a Violent but small stream; after it had spent its Violence, it would cease for a while and only drop, and then spring out with Violence again, continuing thus for 24 hours, till at last he fainted away, and then the *Blood* stancht of it self, and his pains left him: from that time during his whole life, (which continued 12 years,) he was frequently troubled with like *Fits*; seldom having a respite of 2 months, and they never returned oftener then in 3 weeks: he rarely *Bled* less then a Pottle at a time; the oftener the *Fit* came the less he *Bled*; and the more rarely it assaulted him, he *Bled* the more; whenever they endeavor'd to stanch the *Blood*, it rais'd most exquisite tortures in his Arm; no remedies

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that were ever used proved in the least effectuall: he had no other distemper that troubled him; neither season, nor weather wrought upon him: he had no outward accident that at first brought the *Bleeding*: Drinking more then ordinary made him more apt to *Bleed*: he had no Child after his first seizure: these frequent *Fits* brought him at last very low, insomuch that towards his latter end he *Bled* but little, and that too but like diluted water. He dyed of this Distemper on the 13th of Feb. 16⁶²/₇₃.
